NON-COMBATANT EVACUATION OPERATION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- U.S. Policy concerning U.S. Citizens
- DOS organization
- Purpose/composition of the country team
- Embassy's role in a NEO
- Types of NEO
- Naval planning consideration

U.S. NATIONAL POLICY

- **Protection of U.S. Citizens**
- **Evacuation to a safe haven**
- **Reduce risk of capture**
- **Reduce the number of U.S. Citizens at risk to hostile action**

DOS ORGANIZATION

- **Washington liaison group**
- **Planning/implementation of evacuation plans**
- **DOS chaired**
- **Reps from DOD and JCS**

EMERGENCY ACTION COMMITTEE

- **Located on site**
- **Designs EAP for each embassy**
- **Reps from DOS, US govt, country teams, TCN’s, host nation**

COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS

The ambassador is in charge, not the military. This may be difficult but it is reality. Unless the situation deteriorates to the point of open warfare, the ambassador's word is final!!

AMBASSADOR/CHIEF of MISSION

- Senior official
- Appointed by the president
- In charge of U.S. Government activities

DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION (DCM)

- **Senior official below the ambassador**
- **Foreign services officer**
- **Chairs the country team**
- **Coordinates embassy operations**

CHIEF OF MILITARY MISSION

- **Liaison with host nation military**
- **Authorized to perform certain military functions with the host nation**

CHIEF OF STATION

- **Senior intelligence advisor to ambassador**
- **Conducts humint and sigint activities**
- **Great source of information**

DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICER

- **Military person in a diplomatic status**
- **All military personnel coordinate activities via his office**
- **Coordinates access to embassy sitreps and intel**

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- **Third in command**
- **Oversees daily activities of the embassy**
- **May have operational control of the MSG**
- **Coordinates financial activities**

POLITICAL OFFICER

- **Represents U.S. Views to the host nation**
- **Maintains contact with key government and civilian leaders**
- **Contributes to the overall intelligence picture**

ECONOMIC OFFICER

- **Negotiates with the host nation trade and finance issues**
- **Negotiates trade and finance issues with relief organizations**

CONSULAR OFFICER

- **Screens, processes, and grants U.S. passports and visas**
- **Maintains count of U.S. citizens**
- **Assists in processing evacuees during a NEO**

MEDICAL OFFICER

- **Qualified in general practice**
- **Assists medical personnel during a NEO**
- **Advice concerning indigenous diseases**

GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER

- **Responsible for buildings, grounds, maintenance and construction of the embassy**
- **Transportation management**

REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER

- **DOS security officer**
- **Oversight of embassy security in the region**
- **Senior grade officer**

POST SECURITY OFFICER

- **Assistant to the regional security officer**
- **In charge of embassy security**
- **Opcon of MSG if no RSO assigned to the post**

SPECIAL SECURITY FORCE

- **Subordinate to the regional security officer**
- **Host nation employees of the U.S. Embassy**
- **Interior and exterior security**

MARINE SECURITY DETACHMENT

- **Subordinate to the regional security officer**
- **5-35 marines dependent on size of the post**
- **Responsible for internal security**

COUNTRY TEAM

- **Discuss host nation matters with the ambassador**
- **Personnel selected by the ambassador**
- **Meets as required by the ambassador**
- **Composition determined by the ambassador**

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

- Required at every embassy
- Updated annually by the embassy and the CINC's special ops command
- Includes:
  - Number of evacuees
  - Command posts
  - Key personnel info
  - Date of last update

WARDEN SYSTEM

- How the embassy notifies people
- ”Phone tree"
- Where to go
- When to go
- How to get there
- What to bring

PHASES OF EMERGENCY

- **Standfast**
- **Reduction of American presence**
- **Evacuation**
- **Close post**

CIVIL MEANS POLICY

- **U.S. policy to resolve with civil means**
- **Host nation climate/turmoil**
- **Use of military last resort**

EMBASSY'S ROLE IN A NEO

- Ambassador responsible for the NEO
- DOS notified
- Non- essential personnel sent home
- Notify citizens in country
- Ambassador may stay

TYPES OF NEO

- Permssive environment
- Uncertain environment
- Hostile environment

NEO CONSIDERATIONS

- Surface
  - Terrain
  - Weather, sea state, MSI
  - Landing craft/lift capability
  - Secure route to evacuation site

NEO CONSIDERATIONS (cont’)

- Air
  - Risks to aircraft
  - Aircraft available
  - Evacuation site location
  - Suitable lz’s
  - Weather
  - Command and control

EXECUTION

- **Select/determine # of evacuees**
- **Activate warden plan**
- **Arrange safe haven**
- **Double check and expect changes**

FUNCTIONAL UNITS

- **Evacuation unit**
  - **Carry out evac as ordered using SOP’s**
  - **Conduct helo and/or surface evac**
  - **Provide required health and comfort items**
  - **Provide temp lodging aboard ship**

EVACUATION CONTROL UNIT

- Provide comm support to DOS officials
- Carry out evac
- Obtain info from embassy concerning probable evacuees
- Provide beach group det to assist in evac processing/control
- Designate ships to receive evacuees/priority of ships

PRIMARY CONTROL SHIP

- Activate ship to shore radio nets
- Designate landing craft
- Designate salvage boats
- Control boat pool and landing craft
- Control evac and reembark

HELICOPTER COORDINATION SECTION

- **Operates as a subordinate element of the TACC**
- **Acts as the central agency to plan and coord the NEO helo employment**

FORCE PROTECTION

- **Host nation, insurgent, enemy, and terrorist forces**
- **Friendly force/Own unit**
- **ROE**

FORWARD COMMAND ELEMENT

- **Advance liaison team**
- **Coordinates with DOS, embassy, and host nation**
- **Vital link between the ARG and embassy**

FORWARD COMMAND ELEMENT (cont’)

- Dirlauth from higher HQ
- Request permission to insert FCE
- Assemble, verify, deploy
- Civilian clothes

FORWARD COMMAND ELEMENT (cont’)

- Assists DOS with planning
- Evaluates operating environment
- Delineates force size and capability
- Recon and prep of evacuation site

GROUND COMBAT ELEMENT TASKS

- Secure assembly area/evac site
- Conduct offensive operations
- Provide convoy security
- Conduct retrograde operations
- Provide vehicles for support

AIR COMBAT ELEMENT TASKS

- Develop aviation support plans
- Coordinate air routes
- Develop launch and recovery plans
- Identify FARP’s
- Plan for follow-on missions

COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT ELEMENT TASKS

- **Organize and operate the ECC**
- **Provide processing and screening teams**
- **Work with shipboard units in the control and processing of evacuees**

NAVAL PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

- **Messing and berthing**
- **Holding areas/baggage handling**
- **Ship’s routine/emergency procedures**
- **Medical support**
- **Census**

NAVAL PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS (cont’)

- Aircraft/landing craft support
- SAR
- Public affairs
- Debarkation plans

INTELLIGENCE CONSIDERATIONS

- **Generic intelligence requirements handbook (GIRH)**
- **ITT teams**
- **CCIR’s, EEFI’s, PIR’s (area hostile forces)**

EVACUATION CONTROL CENTER

- **Conducts the processing, screening, and provides selected log functions associated with executing a NEO**
- **CSSE establishes the ECC**

EVACUATION CONTROL CENTER (cont’)

- **Establishes the following sections:**
  - **Command**
  - **Reception**
  - **Search and screening**
  - **Processing**
  - **Medical**
  - **Embarkation**
  - **Transportation**
  - **Security**

EVACUEE CATEGORIES

- I - American citizens
- II - Alien members of american families
- III - Alien us govt employees/business
- IV - Eligible aliens
  - Ill
  - Injured
  - Imminent peril
- V - Other designated aliens

MINOR CATEGORIES

- A - Pregnant women
- B - Unaccompanied minors under 18 years
- C - Aged and infirm
- D - Women with children
- E - Women 18 years or older
- F - Males 18 years or older

EVACUEE PROCESSING

- Search people ,bags and equipment
  - Ambassadors/diplomats
  - Females
- Limit bags
- No pets
- No gifts, tips or bribes
- No one goes against their will
- Evacuees are not POW’s

ASYLUM/TEMPORARY REFUGE

- DOS makes the decision
- Notify CNO, CMC, DOS, embassy via OPREP-3
- Be sensitive to the media
- Safeguard the individual

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- Capacity report submitted to the CATF
- Spot report submitted to the CATF in 30 min cycles
- Evacuation recap submitted to the CATF every 6 hours
- Evacuation final submitted to the CATF

QUESTIONS

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